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### THE CURRENT SITUATION IN BRITISH GUIANA

25X1 The next few days will be a critical time, possibly the occasion for fire and property damage, [REDACTED]

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No attacks on the white minority, three per cent of the total population, or on their property have been reported during the crisis, even in anti-British demonstrations around government buildings. Nevertheless, in September a few sugar-cane fields were burned during an attempted general strike. The American army attache in London states that the Communist-led People's Progressive Party are reported planning to attack both lives and residences of Europeans.

No violence is expected at the bauxite mines, some distance from the center of unrest at Georgetown and the sugar plantations, where the PPP claims labor leadership. The bauxite unions refused to join the PPP-led strike wave in September.

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